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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 435

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A RESOLUTION to designate H.R. Lovell as the official
Tennessee Artist in Residence.

WHEREAS, it is vital to the State of Tennessee to continually expand, diligently preserve, and successfully recognize the expression of Tennessee culture through the visual arts; and

WHEREAS, numerous dedicated and exemplary artists of the state devote their extraordinary talent and efforts to expanding Tennessee's interests, facilitating its own culture and heralding their admiration and respect of Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, the elected officials of Tennessee feel it necessary and appropriate, as Tennessee embarks on this most notable and remarkable new decade and millennium, to designate and commend a most deserving and highly impassioned Tennessee artist; and

WHEREAS, this artist will express the spirit and assets of Tennessee throughout his works, establishing outstanding talent contributions to the state and professional accomplishment in the creation of visual art; and

WHEREAS, H.R. Lovell, born and raised in Cheatham County and still very much centered in the community, is one such exemplary artist who reflects his upbringing in this rural setting throughout his artwork; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lovell's precisely detailed watercolors, egg temperas, and drawings touch on ordinary moments from our lives, evoking a sense of solitude and simplicity, his artistic expressions benefit Tennesseans as his perspectives visually depict a mind that deeply cares for the peaceful moments of this state, and world; and

WHEREAS, his artistry is not driven by commercial pressures; his subject matter and love of painting have found a considerable following; and

WHEREAS, his watercolors touch on ordinary moments in our lives; he expresses anew the honesty of a moment in time or people and things, that in the haste of today, is often overlooked; and

WHEREAS, images of a watering can filled with spring daisies on the old front porch, or an old man sitting on a bench in front of a county store, Mr. Lovell's paintings are mementos of our heritage that reaffirm the beauty and truth in the state and world; and

WHEREAS, world renowned artist R.C. Gorman, a who has been called the Picasso of Native American artists, invited H.R. Lovell to display some of his paintings at a show featuring Gorman's work; and

WHEREAS, H.R. Lovell has proven his worthiness to hold the esteemed position as Tennessee Artist in Residence with his impeccable artistic talents and singular skills; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby designate Mr. H.R. Lovell as the official Tennessee Artist in Residence for his unique talent, and his enhancement and expansion of the history and culture of the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the term of residence of H.R. Lovell will begin on January 1, 2001, and continue through December 31, 2010, at which time the General Assembly will make a new designation at ten-year intervals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy. ,